

What is claimed is:

1. A diaphragm control apparatus for a lens of a CCTV camera having a diaphragm driving device for one of opening and closing a diaphragm in accordance with a diaphragm 5 control signal, comprising:

a remote diaphragm control device for outputting a remote diaphragm control signal which is adapted to set an optional diaphragm position;

10 a diaphragm control signal setting device for setting a diaphragm control signal in accordance with the remote diaphragm control signal and for outputting the diaphragm control signal to the diaphragm driving device to thereby move the diaphragm to a diaphragm position corresponding to the diaphragm control signal; and

15 a power source for supplying power to the diaphragm control signal setting device,

said diaphragm control signal setting device being provided with a memory for storing the diaphragm control signal when the power supply is interrupted, so that the 20 diaphragm control signal which has been set at the interruption of the power supply can be output when the power supply is supplied again.

2. A diaphragm control apparatus for a lens of a CCTV camera according to claim 1, wherein said diaphragm 25 control signal setting device comprises a digital

potentiometer and said memory; wherein when the remote diaphragm control signal is input when the power supply is supplied, said digital potentiometer varies a wiper position of a variable resistor and outputs the remote 5 diaphragm control signal corresponding to the wiper position.

3. A diaphragm control apparatus for a lens of a CCTV camera according to claim 2, wherein said digital potentiometer maintains the wiper position of the variable 10 resistor when the supply of the remote diaphragm control signal is stopped, rewrites and stores a value corresponding to the wiper position in said memory, holds the corresponding value stored in said memory when the power supply is interrupted, reads the corresponding value 15 from said memory when the power supply is recommenced, and outputs the remote diaphragm control signal corresponding thereto.

4. A diaphragm control apparatus for a lens of a CCTV camera according to claim 3, wherein said memory is a 20 non-volatile memory.

5. A diaphragm control apparatus for a lens of a CCTV camera according to claim 1, wherein said remote diaphragm control device is provided separately from the CCTV camera.

6. A diaphragm control apparatus for a lens of a CCTV 25 camera according to claim 1, wherein said CCTV camera lens

comprises an automatic control device for outputting a diaphragm control signal based on an image signal of the CCTV camera to the diaphragm driving device to thereby automatically control the diaphragm, and a switching device for switching an automatic diaphragm control in which the diaphragm is automatically controlled by the automatic control device and a remote diaphragm control in which the diaphragm is controlled by the remote diaphragm control device, said remote diaphragm control device being provided with a switching signal output device for operating the switching device.